

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 as set forth in the complete claim listing below. Claims 2 and 10 are previously canceled. Claims 1 and 4-9 are herein canceled. Thus claim 3 is the sole remaining claim. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) A choke with integral wad stopper for use with an existing shotgun, comprising:

a hollow tubular member having a coupling at one end for concentrically securing said tubular member to a shotgun, said tubular member being defined by an internal channel having a stepwise taper running away from the coupling end to constrict shotgun pellets passing there through;

said stepwise taper being further defined by a plurality of raised annular step-projections spaced evenly along at least two-thirds a length of said channel to retard and separate wadding from behind said shotgun pellets while passing through said tubular member, A  
~~choke according to claim 1,~~ wherein each of said plurality of raised annular step-projections comprises a sharp edge disposed toward said coupling end of said tubular member.

4. – 10. (Canceled)